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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEL AVIV 6023 ACTION SECSTATE, INFO AMEMBASSY  
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 6023

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR US EG IS

SUBJ: ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST AMOCO RIG IN GULF OF SUEZ

REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 5991; (B) TEL AVIV 6000; (C) CAIRO 11704

1. I AM, OF COURSE, PLEASE THAT A CONFRONTATION WAS AVOIDED  
IN THE GULF AS WELL AS RELIEVED TO GET ISRAELI ASSURANCES THAT  
THEY HAD NOT MISLED US WITH THE INFORMATION THEY GAVE US LAST  
NIGHT. IN ADDITION TO THE IDF INFORMATION (REF B), I HAD  
EARLIER, AT 0130 HOURS, BEEN INFORMED BY EVRON THAT NO ULTIMATUM  
HAD IN FACT BEEN SERVED ON THE U.S. DRILLSHIP. AFTER REVIEWING  
THE BIDDING OF THE LAST TWO DAYS, I WOULD BE SURPRISED INDEED  
IF THE ISRAELI ACCOUNT OF EVENTS WERE NOT ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE.  
WE MAY BE DISPLEASED WITH THEIR ACTIONS IN THE GULF, BUT I DO  
NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD MISLEAD US ON THE SCALE SUGGESTED  
BY THE MARINER CAPTAIN'S REPORTING.

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2. AS FOR THE FUTURE, THE ISRAELIS HAVE MADE VERY CLEAR THAT THEY REGARD THE MEDIAN LINE AS THE DEMARCATION IN THE GULF (TEL AVIV 5611). THE LATEST INCIDENT SUGGESTS THAT THEY WILL BE VERY DETERMINED IN HOLDING TO THIS POLICY. IN PARTICULAR, I SEE LITTLE PROSPECT THAT THEY CAN BE INDUCED TO ALLOW AMOCO TO DRILL AT THE DISPUTED SITE 304.1 UNLESS WE ARE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE ISRAELIS ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE AREA, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ADVISE AMOCO TO RESTRICT ITS DRILLING OPERATIONS TO AREAS WEST OF THE MEDIAN LINE.  
TOON  
UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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